GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF PESTICIDES
DAHYA BHAI V. PATEL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that multinational companies are charging ten times the world market price in respect of various pesticides used to control pests in various crops; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save the farmers from such exploitation by the multinational companies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE).

(a) & (b) The Union Government does not regulateprices of pesticides which are driven by market forces. In the Indian Pesticide Market, domestic companies have a dominant market share as compared to multinationals.